clusive title, assess to credit, home based employment and shelter design and to amend all related laws for this purpose. HUDCO is operating a special scheme for working women. Housing agencies reserve a proportion of houses for the physically handicapped.

Sale of Dhara Oil in 1 Litre pack by NDDB

1983. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NDDB's Dhara Oil is being packed and sold all over the country in 1 litre packs;

(b) under what Rules|Authority the Central Government had given approval to 1 litre packing;

(c) whether Government would forthwith stop sales in 1 litre packs as this amounts to deceiving the public and also take action against NDDB and those responsible therefor; and

(d) whether the State Governments would also be advised to take necessary action in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) Dhara oil packed in 1 litre tetra-packs is sold in certain parts of the country.

(b) Under Notification No. S.O. 596 (E) dated 27-7-90 in exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to rule 5 of the Standards of Weights and Measures (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 1977, the NDDB has been permitted to pack oils in one Litre packs.

(c) and (d) In view of the answer (b) above, question does not arise.

Undue delay in making correction in Ration Cards

1984. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Food and Civil Supplies Department, Delhi Administration are taking 7—10 days for changing addresses in Ration Cards; if so, what are the reasons for such long delays despite public notices in offices assuring only one hour delay in change of address; and

(b) whether Government would ensure that inconvenience caused to public is stopped by taking corrective steps?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) and (b) The necessity for changing addresses in ration cards arises either due to change of residence within the Circle or to some other Circle of the Food and Supplies Deptt. of Delhi Administration.

In case of change of Circle, the consumer has to surrender the original ration card and the issue of fresh card in the new Circle, which is not possible in an hour. Request of changes within the Circle supported by evidence of legal possession of the new residential premises, are attended to immediately. In other cases, entries in the ration cards are amended after verification of the facts by spot visit by the Area Inspector.

Irregularities in admission in IARI and other Agricultural Universities

1985. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Administrative Tribunal had recently made serious observations in the matter of admissions to the Ph.D. programmes in Bio-chemistry at the IARI, New Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether, in the wake of the observations made by the Central Administrative Tribunal, Government have made any assessment to know the irregularities, if any, with regard to the admission in the various Agricultural Universities in the country and the declining teaching standards in these Universities; and

(d) if so, what is the outcome thereof stating the steps contemplated by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) to (c) Sir, The Tribunal has only advised IARI to suitably *amend post-graduate Calendar/Information* Bulletin relating to prescribed qualifications for admission to Biochemistry discipline.

(d) In accordance with the directions of the Tribunal ,the qualifications for admission to M.Ss and Ph.D Programmes in different disciplines, including Bio-chemistry, have been revised, so as to make them very specific.

The Academic Council which is the supreme body for taking policy decisions with regard to post-graduate education reviews the admission policy for each academic year and formulates admission procedure after detailed deliberations in an effort to constantly improve the academic standards.

दालों का उत्पादन

1986. **श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी :** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में दालों की पैदावार बढ़ाने के प्रयास में अभी तक वांछित सफलता प्राप्त नहीं हुई है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में कृषि और सहकारिता विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री नितिश कुमार) : (क) और (ख) जी, हां । इसके कारण निम्न प्रकार हैं :—

(1) मौसम की खराबी के कारण दालों पर बुरा असर पड़ना ।

(2) आनुवंशिक सफलता न मिलना जैसा कि चावल और गेहूं के मामले में है ।

(3) कृमियों और रोगों के कारण दलहन फसलों पर बुरा असर पड़ना ।

(4) दलहनों का उत्पादन करने वाले सामान्य क्षेत्रों में सिंचाई के आगमन के पश्चात अच्छी भूमि के स्थान पर निम्न और सीमान्त भूमि का उपयोग करना ।

बच्चों की दुर्दशा

1987. **श्री कपिल वर्मा :**
श्रीमती वीणा वर्मा :

क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश के लगभग 30 करोड़ बच्चों में से 10 करोड़ बच्चे आवारा, फुटपाथी तथा बाल श्रमिक के रूप में जीवन व्यतीत करते हैं ; यदि हां, तो दिल्ली में इस प्रकार के आवारा, निराश्रित बच्चों एवं अनाथालयों की संख्या कितनी और दिल्ली में इस प्रकार के अनाथालयों में कितने बच्चे रहते हैं ;

(ख) देश में अनाथालय जैसी संस्थाओं तथा उनमें रहने वाले बच्चों की संख्या कितनी-कित ी है;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि घर से भागने वाले बालक तथा बालिकाओं की संख्या में निरंतर वृद्धि हो रही है; यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं तथा